PRESENTATION OF REPORT
IV Report of the PAC

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—1. Chairman of the Public Accoun- Committee, am pleased to present the fourth report on the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year commencing from 1975–76 to 1978–79 relating to Irrigation, Major Irrigation Project Control Board under rule 217 and 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly and further move that the report be taken up for discussion under rule 256.

MR. SPEAKER. — The report is presented.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—I have a submission to make. While presenting the report, the Hon. Chairman of the Public Accounts committee stated that it should be taken up for discussion.

MR. SPEAKER.—He has to present the report and the report is presented.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—We shall take up for discussion.

MR SPEAKER.—Please here me. The report is presented. If the Chairman wants to say something he can say something under the rule 217. It reads:

> "(2) In persenting the report, the Chairman, or in his absence, the member presenting the report shall, if he makes any remarks, confine himself to be a brief statement of fact, but there shall be no debate on that statement at this stage."

SRI SHEERNALY CHANDRASHEKAR.—But he said that is going to be discussed.

MR. SPEAKER —If the Chairman wants to say something he can say.

SRI B BASAVALINGAPPA.—Mr Speaker, unusually I am trying to make certain remarks as required under rule 217. Under article 151 of the Constitution, the Comptroler and Auditor General of India places report on the floor of the House, not necessarily the Governor. But the Public Accounts Committee usually takes up discussion about the audit observation made and in the course of the implementation of budgetted grants, several officers beloning to several departments may commit certain impropriеties in the matter of spending against the rules or codal rules. If that is not discussed on the floor of the House, the officers, as a matter of fact, may go out of their own jurisdiction or the limits and spend without answering for the improper spending of the public funds and they may not feel that they are accountable to the public.

SRI SHEERNALY CHANDRASHEKAR.— But the rules have been amended.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Committee is a Committee of the House. When it questions officers and all that, it is as if the House is questioning them.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I only say that normally we have been following the rule that the PAC's reports are not being discussed.

SRI SHEERNALY CHANDRASHEKAR.—Not only PAC but also Estimates Committee. No report is discussed.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The Speaker can allow time for discussion. Therefore, I feel with a view to see proper functioning of the departments in the matter of spending of the public funds the report should be discussed and the Speaker will have to allow certain time for discussion. This is all I want to say.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—So far as the discussion on the report of the Committee, there has been a convention both in the Parliament and in other legislatures that normally no discussion takes place but the member can make use of the report and quote while participating in the debate. I do not want to say anything on the report but the members of the committee belonging to the Opposition had given a dissent note which is not appearing in the report. That should find a place.

MR. SPEAKER.—Dissent note ?

SRI S R. BOMMAI.—Yes, it has not been given. It should be a part of the report. It is incomplete.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Code of Criminal Procedure (Karnataka Amendment Bill, 1981.

SRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA (Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Animal Husbandry).—Sir, on behalf of the Chief Minister, I move:

Leave to introduce

"That leave be granted to introduce the Code of of Criminal Procedure (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1981".

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is:

" That leave be granted to introduce the Code of Criminal Procedure (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1981 ".

The motion was adopted and leave was granted.